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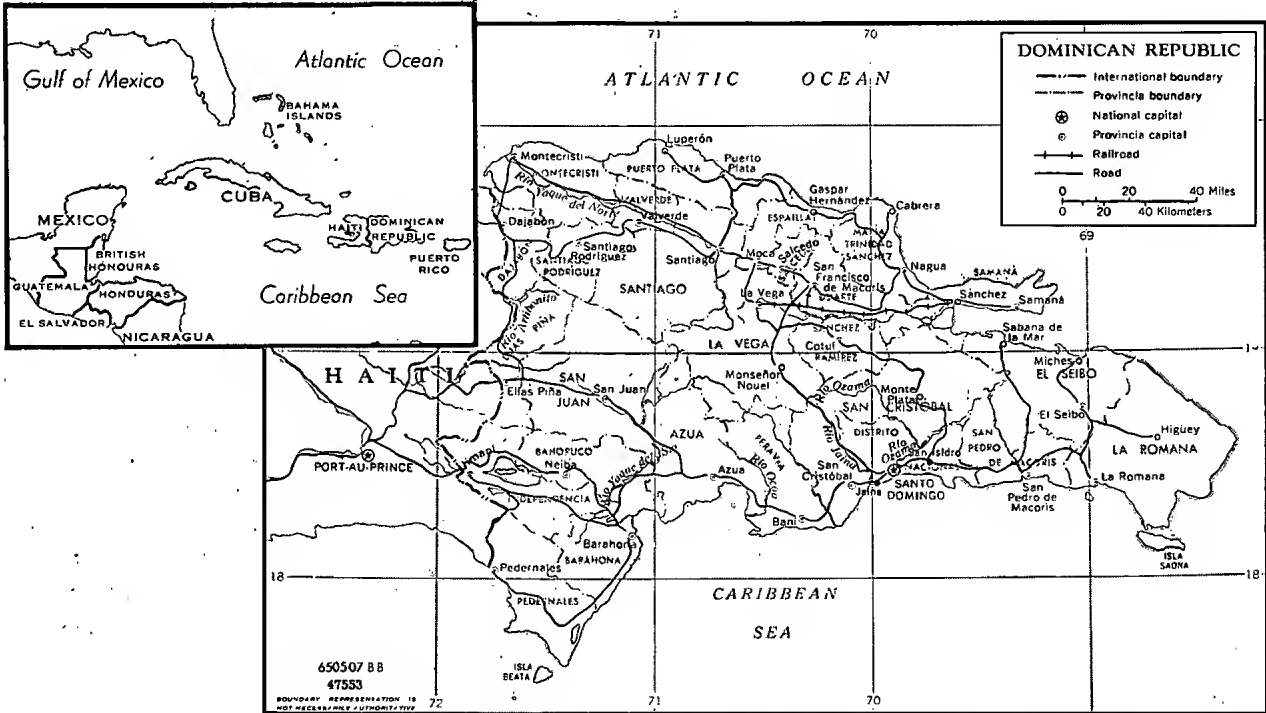
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LATE ITEM

(Information as of 5:00 p.m. EDT)

Dominican Republic

Wessin y Wessin has refused to leave the country, according to a late cable from Santo Domingo. He told Ambassador Bennett that he might accept retirement, but would not depart.

There are conflicting reports on the rebels' present determination to continue the struggle.

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Our embassy believes that the rebels are now playing for time, waiting for the possible arrival of Munoz Marin and former Costa Rican president Jose Figueres as OAS representatives, which they believe would boost their cause.

Continued soundings of the countryside are turning up scattered reports of local sympathy for Bosch and the rebels. This feeling has not been translated into any visible material support. There are reports, however, that the rebels are trying to stir up the rural people and to smuggle arms to the countryside.

The French ambassador told our embassy in Santo Domingo yesterday that France has no intention of recognizing any Dominican government at present. He said recognition would come only when a government establishes "effective control over its national territory."

Soviet behavior thus far during the Dominican crisis appears to reflect a desire to keep open lines of contact with the US. The Russian delegation at the United Nations has not given the impression of wanting speedy or hostile action. Moscow's propaganda has not been exceptionally shrill or unusually extensive. Soviet authorities have also refused to allow Latin American students to demonstrate outside the US Embassy or to hold a protest meeting at Lumumba University in Moscow.

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1. North Vietnam

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2. South Vietnam

The US command in Saigon has, jointly with the South Vietnamese, reappraised and raised its estimate of Viet Cong forces. These are now believed to total 47,000 regular combat troops, 17,600 non-combat support troops and approximately 80-100,000 self defense and militia irregulars.

This reappraisal represents a reassessment [redacted] rather than any recent increase in strength on the ground. 50X1

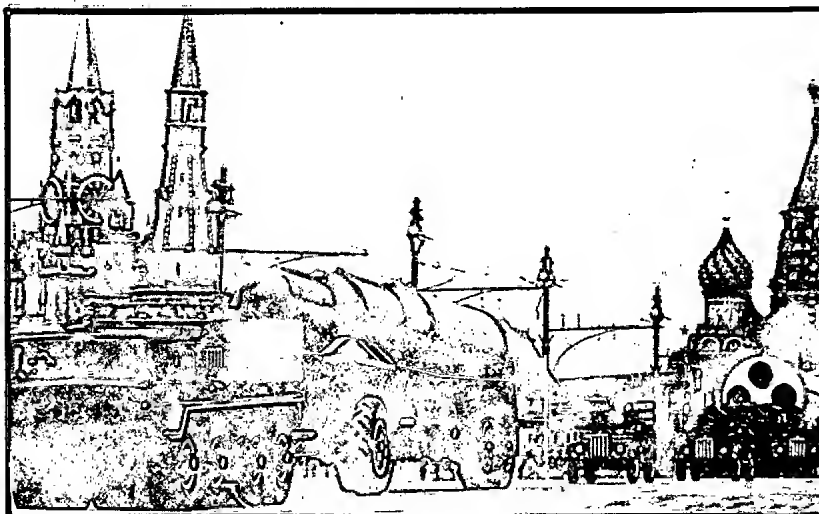
Heavy fighting has been reported 30 miles northwest of Saigon in the Binh Duong-Hau Nghia Province area where five government battalions initiated an operation against a Viet Cong stronghold on 7 May. Communist military activity generally continues its upward trend toward the level prevailing before the March-April "lull."

Tensions between South Vietnamese Buddhists and Catholics appear to be on the rise. [redacted] 50X1

[redacted] Apprehensive over Buddhist intentions toward Catholics in the government and the military, they are charging that government resistance to Communism is weakening. A Buddhist appeal for a "cessation of attacks" on Buddha's birthday (15 May) by both the government forces and the Viet Cong may add fuel to this fire.

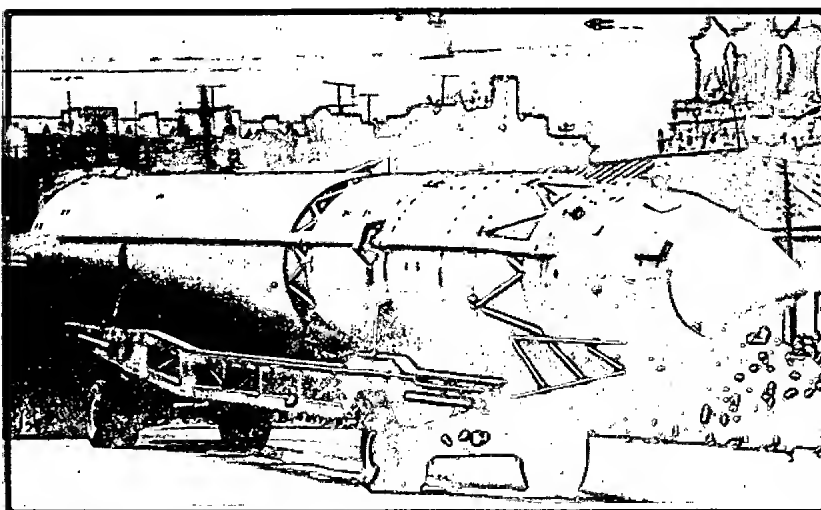
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NEW MISSILES DISPLAYED DURING SOVIET VICTORY DAY PARADE, 9 MAY 1965

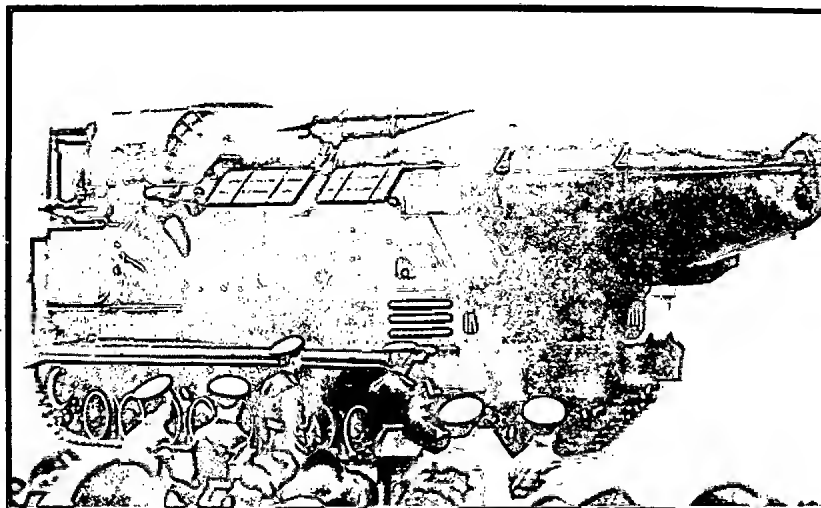


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THREE-STAGE "SOLID PROPELLANT" ICBM



SOVIET-DESIGNATED SPACE BOOSTER



TACTICAL MISSILE ON SELF-PROPELLED CARRIER

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3. Communist China

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4. USSR

The missiles paraded in Moscow on Sunday [redacted]

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(See graphic.)

The shorter ICBM, some 60 feet long, was described by the Soviets as a three-stage solid fuel missile which could be launched from a silo. It may indeed be a candidate for some of the single silos seen in satellite photography (the most recent photography brings the count to 138).

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The largest missile, about 108 feet long and probably liquid-fueled, also has not yet been identified. It was said by the Soviets to be used in launching manned space craft as well as in a weapons role. However, as paraded it does not match what is known [redacted] of the SS-6, the first Soviet ICBM, which has always been used for manned space launches.

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The self-propelled tactical missile may be a solid-fuel follow-on to the "Scud" 150-mile liquid-fuel tactical missile now in the hands of Soviet and satellite forces.

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5. USSR

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6. India-Pakistan

The border situation, with forces of both countries alerted and deployed, still adds up to an uneasy and fragile standoff. The British in New Delhi said this morning they had hopes that at least the Indians would agree by tomorrow to British proposals on a solution for the Rann of Kutch.

Indian Prime Minister Shastri is due to leave for Moscow the next day for a week's visit and probably would like to announce some settlement before he goes.

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7. Cyprus

Talks between Greek leaders and Archbishop Makarios in Athens late last week accomplished little, except for a general agreement that the Greek Cypriots would avoid upsetting the present uneasy calm. This suggests that, despite strongly voiced Turkish desires, little progress will be made toward a Cyprus solution during the London NATO talks this week.

Makarios refused to halt procurement of surface-to-air missiles and other Soviet weapons and refused to accept any solution based on Cypriot concessions to Turkey. He has no objection to concessions by Athens, however.

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